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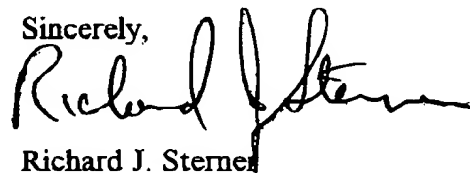
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Dear Ms. Kidwell:

Please find attached a copy of International Preliminary Examination Report.

Sincerely,

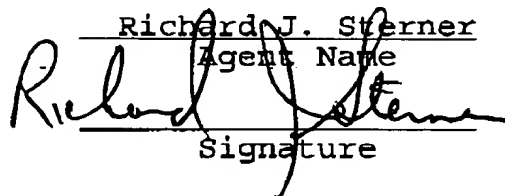


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LETTER

Sir:

In response to the telephone request from Ms. Kidwell,
Applicant provides herewith a copy of the International
Preliminary Examination Report for the above-referenced
application.

It is Applicant's understanding, based on the telephone
discussion between Ms. Kidwell and Applicant's Agent, that, upon
receipt of the IPER, a new Notification of Acceptance, Form
PCT/DO/EO/903, will be issued. The new Notification will replace

that which was issued December 1, 1999 and is meant to reflect the correct length of time of the international stage of the present application.

Dated: September 14, 2000

Respectfully submitted,



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